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House of Representatives, February 8, 2001

**An Act Creating a Fund to Assist Towns with Public Water Sources that
have Eurasian Milfoil.**

Reference to the Committee on Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative WATERHOUSE of Bridgton.
Cosponsored by President Pro Tem BENNETT of Oxford and
Representatives: COWGER of Hallowell, DUNLAP of Old Town, Speaker SAXL of Portland.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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4 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §410-N, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

6 **4. Fund to mitigate invasive aquatic plant problems in**
8 **public water supplies.** The public water supply invasive aquatic
10 plant mitigation fund, referred to in this subsection as the
12 "fund," is established in the department to assist municipalities
14 in controlling invasive aquatic plant populations that pose a
16 threat to municipal surface drinking water supplies. Financial
18 assistance to municipalities under this subsection is subject to
20 availability of funding. The board shall adopt rules to
22 implement the fund. Rules adopted under this section are routine
24 technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter
26 II-A.

28 **Sec. 2. Recommendation on sources of funding.** The Department
30 of Environmental Protection shall report to the Joint Standing
32 Committee on Natural Resources by January 15, 2002 with
34 recommendations on sources of funding to fund the public water
supply invasive aquatic plant mitigation fund established in the
Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 410-N, subsection 4.

SUMMARY

28 This bill creates a fund within the Department of
30 Environmental Protection to assist municipalities in controlling
32 invasive aquatic plants that threaten municipal surface drinking
34 water supplies. Financial assistance to municipalities under
this program is subject to availability of funding. The bill
also requires the Department of Environmental Protection to
report to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources by
January 15, 2002 with recommendations on sources of funding for
this fund.